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Subject: RE: contact days/Strike
Date: Thursday, May 3, 2018 1:32:47 PM

Thank you!

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From: Okes, Jennifer
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2018 1:31 PM
To: Meyer, Jeremy
Subject: RE: contact days/Strike

Jeremy,

The instructional hours requirement is related to schools, not individual students. Districts/local board of educations made the determination on the requirements for graduation, so they would make any determination on what might impact students' ability to graduate on time.

Let me know if you have additional questions.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Meyer, Jeremy
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 12:07 PM

To: Okes, Jennifer <Okes_J@cde.state.co.us>
Subject: FW: contact days/Strike

Hi Jennifer,

Do you know the answer to this one?

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From: Jon Pompia [<mailto:jpompia@chieftain.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2018 12:06 PM
To: Meyer, Jeremy
Subject: RE: contact days/Strike

Ok, so I guess I should ask

If the strike continues and the seniors cant get in their required hours, would this impact their ability to graduate on time thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Meyer, Jeremy [mailto:Meyer_Jeremy@cde.state.co.us]
Sent: Thursday, May 3, 2018 11:57 AM
To: Jon Pompia <jpompia@chieftain.com>
Subject: RE: contact days/Strike

Hi Jon,

Consistent with our treatment of other districts that may experience “closings deemed by the board to be necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of pupils”, we can work with districts to confirm how much under the instructional hour requirements the district is and then ask the district to determine if there are reasonable adjustments they can make to their calendar/bell schedule to come into compliance with the required hours. If that is not possible (which could be the case this late in the school year), the district can request a waiver. This is done by submitting a letter to the Commissioner. We would then respond with an approved waiver to the district.

As for graduation, the graduation requirements is a local board decision and therefore there is no impact which would involve CDE.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Jeremy

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From: Jon Pompia [<mailto:jpompia@chieftain.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2018 8:39 AM
To: Meyer, Jeremy
Subject: contact days/Strike

Hi Jeremy

I have a few questions related to a proposed teachers strike in Pueblo .
If the strike continues for several days, wouldn't that require make up days at some point in order to fulfill the required student contact days?
Could a strike lasting several days, or even a week, potentially affect graduation ceremonies in June? I would imagine that seniors would have To have a certain amount of hours in pocket before they can get the diploma.
As always, thanks for the help

Jon Pompia, Pueblo Chieftain